Inter connection of rivers originating from Himalayas

†717. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is no scheme for implementation in the near future with regard to inter connection of the rivers originating from Himalayas and flowing through India for the purpose of providing relief to the country from floods and drought;

(b) if so, the details in this regard; and

(c) the reaons for the said decision?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) The Inter-Linking of Rivers (ILR) programme consists of the Himalayan component and Peninsular component. Considering the international dimensions involved in the Himalayan Component, the focus at the moment is on the Peninsular component.

Completion of Irrigation Project

†718. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of irrigation projects included in the Tenth Five Year Plan for completion by Government alongwith amount spent on them till the end of Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) the number of such projects under construction which are likely to be completed during the Tenth Five Year Plan; and

(c) if so, the details of irrigation capacity of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) to (c) Irrigation being

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